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BOARD OF REGENTS

The President has appointed Maynard K. Hine, D.D.S., Dean of Indiana University's School of Dentistry, and Warner Lee Wells, M. D., Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of North Carolina, to be members of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine for terms expiring in August 1963.

The Board will hold its next meeting at the Library on November 13, 1959.

PROGRESS ON NEW BUILDING

At the end of September work on the new building for the National Library of Medicine was proceeding according to schedule, although excavation has been slowed somewhat due to encountering extensive rock formations; construction of forms has been started and some concrete work is being done in the southeast corner of the building site. The Library looks forward hopefully to celebrating the 125th anniversary of its founding in the summer of 1961 in new quarters.

REORGANIZATION

The organizational structure of the National Library of Medicine was changed on October 1, 1959, by the creation of the Circulation Division, formed by combining the Circulation, Binding, and Photographic Services Sections which had heretofore been units of the Reference and Catalog Divisions and the Office of the Director, respectively.

The new division is responsible for all loan and stack services, binding and repair of books, and photoreproduction services for interlibrary loan and preservation purposes.

The Chief of the Circulation Division has not yet been appointed; Mr. John P. Spain, the Library's Administrative Officer, is serving as its Acting Chief.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

The current exhibit at the National Library of Medicine is entitled "The Public Health Service and Medical Research: Some Contributions, 1900-1940." It is based on the work of the brilliant group of scientists who formed the staff of the old Hygienic Laboratory, known after 1930 as the National Institute of Health, and since its location in Bethesda, Maryland, as the National Institutes of Health.

The exhibit displays original publications reporting such discoveries as the dietary cause of pellagra by Goldberger; tularemia, "The first American disease," by McCoy and Chapin, Wherry, and Francis; the demonstration of iodine content of thyroid by Hunt and Seidell; pioneer work in anaphylaxis and allergy by Anderson; hydrogen-ion determination by Clark; the American hookworm by Stiles; and others. Accompanying the publications are photographs of their scientist authors and memorabilia from historical collections of the Public Health Service.

Prepared by Mrs. Jeannette Barry, this exhibit will be on display through November.

STAFF CHANGES

Dr. Harriet C. Jameson, who came to NLM's History of Medicine Division in Cleveland as Head of its Catalog Section in 1950, and then served as Chief of the Division from 1954, has now returned to the University of Michigan in the capacity of Rare Books Librarian.

Dr. Dorothy M. Schullian, Curator of Rare Books and the Assistant Chief for the past several years, has been named Acting Chief of the History of Medicine Division.

INTERN PROGRAM

The 1959/60 Intern Program at the National Library of Medicine was begun on August 31 for a group of three interns. Four other librarians who joined the staff recently are participating in certain features of the Intern Program.

RECENT NLM PUBLICATIONS

Bibliography of Military Psychiatry, 1952-1958 (PHS Publication No. 693). Compiled by Charles A. Roos and Jeannette Barry. Washington, 1959. 83 p. (GPO: 50 cents)

National Library of Medicine Annual Report, Fiscal Year 1959. Washington, 1959. 42 p. (Multilithed)

GROWTH OF COLLECTIONS

	CURRENT YEAR			COLLECTION TOTALS	
	Added	With-drawn	Net Gain	30 June 1958	30 June 1959
BOOK MATERIAL					
1. Bound Monographs					
a. HMD	938	211	727	32,669	33,396
b. 1801-1913	53	2,111	-2,058	95,616	93,558
c. 1914-	8,149	257	7,892	130,167	138,059
Subtotal	9,140	2,579	6,561	258,452	265,013
2. Bound Serials	9,299	478	8,821	241,949	250,770
Total Bound Volumes (1-2)	18,439	3,057	15,382	500,401	515,783
3. Theses	1,862	-	1,862	280,353	282,215
4. Pamphlets	2,087	754	1,333	158,014	159,347
Subtotal (3-4)	3,949	754	3,195	438,367	441,562
Total Book Material	22,388	3,811	18,577	938,768	957,345
NON-BOOK MATERIAL					
1. Microfilms	245	-	245	1,653	1,898
2. Portraits and Pictures	935	5,756	-4,821	58,874	54,053
Total Non-Book Material	1,180	5,756	-4,476	60,527	55,951
BOUND VOLUME EQUIVALENTS*				15,000	15,000
GRAND TOTAL	23,568	9,567	14,001	1,014,295	1,028,296

*Material in pipeline

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, FISCAL YEAR 1959

During the year which ended June 30, 1959, the National Library of Medicine:

ACQUIRED	11,690	books
	68,532	serial pieces
	1,296	new serial titles
PURCHASED	828	old and rare items for the History of Medicine Collection
CATALOGED	20,757	titles, of which 7,907 were recataloged works
WITHDREW	9,567	duplicate and out-of-scope items
BOUND	16,009	volumes, of which 2,145 were rebinds
PREPARED	21,272	main entries for the 1958 volume of the National Library of Medicine Catalog
ADDED	958	pictures and other items to the Art Collection
CIRCULATED	111,822	volumes
ANSWERED	9,390	reference questions, and compiled 326 bibliographies of some length
FILLED	72,728	interlibrary loan requests, of which 5,659 were filled with loan of original material
FILMED	3,112,527	pages, of which 1,633,489 were for preservation
PRODUCED	1,486,681	pages of photoprint and
	346,782	paper cards
PUBLISHED	119,321	items in the Current List from 1,633 journal titles
SPENT	$1,533,756	for library operations, and
	4,734,231	for construction of new building
EMPLOYED		an average work force of 218 persons

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